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Periyár irrigation.—Reviewing the progress report from the Special Deputy Collector — for the quarter ending 31st December 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from the Deputy Collector on Special Duty, Madura, to the Collector of Madura, dated 1st April 1898, Dis. No. 108 :—

I have the honour to submit my progress report for the quarter ending 31st December 1897.

1. *Disposal of darkhasts.*—During the quarter under report, the darkhast applications received in the villages of Urangampatti and Ambalekaranpatti were disposed of. The only villages in which assignments have to be made are three villages in Mélúr taluk, which were before classed as likely to be Periyár-affected villages when Periyár water was taken on the efforts of the ryots. The Special Executive Engineer is of opinion that these may be declared to be Periyár-affected after the necessary distributaries and channels are ready. The five villages on the south bank of the Vaigai depending on the Chittanai have, on my recommendation, been declared as Periyár-affected. The darkhasts in these villages will be taken up shortly. In the case of portions of fields, assigned on darkhast, the work of sub-division has been undertaken by the Survey Department and it is in progress.

2. *Disposal of applications for loans.*—One hundred and seventy-seven applications, involving an amount of Rs. 47,518, were received during the quarter and the total number of applications that had to be disposed of during the quarter, including the cases pending at the end of the previous quarter, was 686, involving an amount of Rs. 1,11,751. Of these 686 applications, 123 applications, involving an amount of Rs. 16,865, were rejected for various reasons, and 172 applications, involving an amount of Rs. 25,400, accepted during the quarter under report, leaving a balance of 391 applications. In the case of applications accepted, a sum of Rs. 22,155 was advanced during the quarter including the second instalment. Payments of loans were stopped under Board's orders in October 1897 and have been resumed only in February 1898. Prompt steps are being taken to dispose of the remaining applications. As already reported there is much scope for large sums being utilized as soon as the means of irrigation are provided and all the waste lands available are sold.

3. *Laying out of distributaries.*—During the quarter under report, applications from the Public Works Department for lands to be acquired for certain distributaries under the 1st, 2nd and 12th branch channels and for some minor works in the 3rd reach and Chunnambur offtake, 10th branch channel, were received. An extent of 43·72 acres of land for ten distributaries under the 3rd reach and 2nd, 9th and 12th Branch channels was measured by the three Special Revenue Inspectors during the quarter and draft declarations and schedule for the acquisition of the same are submitted for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette.* The lands covered in the applications will also be handed over to the Public Works Department soon. During the quarter under report compensation for lands taken up for certain distributaries in the 3rd reach and for certain other works in the 1st reach and 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th branch channels, including some old cases that were pending previous to the quarter, was settled and paid, and the total amount of compensation disbursed to the parties during the quarter was Rs. 1,164–2–4. Prompt attention is being paid for the disposal of the remaining cases.

4. *Sale of waste lands.*—During the quarter under report, an extent of 54·73 acres of assessed waste lands in nine villages in the Madura taluk was sold for Rs. 14,054, and a general report on the results of the sales of lands in these villages, as well as those in the other thirteen villages, the sales of which had been posted for

the quarter ending 31st March 1898, has been submitted to you in my Dis. No. 71, dated 28th February 1898. Proposals for future sales have also been submitted and they have been approved of by Government.

5. *Whole inam and zemin villages supplied with Periyár water.*—No application for water was received during the quarter under report. The total number of inam and zemin tanks supplied with Periyár water up to the quarter was 80 as stated in my last report. But there were several applications for water to the dry lands in whole inam and zemin villages and the extent covered by the applications was about 535 acres. The question of supply of Periyár water to the dry lands in whole inam and zemin villages is under correspondence, and a general report will be submitted shortly.

6. *Prospects of extension of irrigation and the attitude of the ryots.*—During the quarter under report, 1,446 applications for Periyár water for converting about 5,000 acres of dry land into wet were received, and the total number of applications received up to the quarter was 2,475, covering an area of about 9,000 acres. There is every prospect of extension of wet cultivation as soon as the distributaries are laid out, and are in working order. In all villages where waste lands have been and are to be sold hereafter, I have addressed the Public Works Department to make early arrangements for laying out distributaries and field channels.

Endorsement by the Acting Collector of Madura, dated 9th April 1898, R.O.C. No. 83 (*a*)—Periodical.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras.

2. The Deputy Collector has been called upon to expedite the submission of the report promised in paragraph 5 of his letter.

3. There has been inordinate delay in the submission of this report.

RESOLUTION—No. 187, dated 25th May 1898.

With the endorsement read above, the Collector of Madura submits the progress report of the Special Deputy Collector, Periyár Irrigation, for the quarter ending 31st December 1897.

2. During the quarter under review, the darkhast applications relating to two of the three villages in the Mélúr taluk recently classed as Periyár-affected, were disposed of. The Special Deputy Collector reports that he will shortly take up the darkhasts in the five villages on the south bank of the Vaigai depending on the Chittanai which, on his recommendation, have been declared to be Periyár-affected. The work of sub-division in the case of portions of fields assigned on darkhast has been undertaken by the Survey Department and is in progress.

3. Including the applications pending at the end of the previous quarter, 686 applications for loans, involving Rs. 1,11,751, remained for disposal during the quarter under review. Out of this total number, 123 applications for Rs. 16,865 were rejected and 172 applications for Rs. 25,400 accepted, leaving a balance of 391 applications. A sum of Rs. 22,155 was advanced during the quarter including second instalments. A larger amount would have been disbursed but for the restrictive orders of Government in October 1897. The Special Deputy Collector states that prompt steps are being taken to dispose of the remaining applications.

4. The progress made in the laying out of distributaries is described in paragraph 3 of the Special Deputy Collector's report. Draft declarations and schedules for the acquisition of 43·72 acres of land required for ten distributaries under the 3rd reach and for 2nd, 9th and 12th branch channels were submitted to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. Compensation, amounting to Rs. 1,164-2-4, was disbursed.

5. During the quarter under review, an extent of 54·73 acres of assessed waste lands is reported to have been sold for Rs. 14,054 in nine villages in the Madura taluk. This gives an average of over Rs. 256 per acre.

6. No applications for the supply of Periyár water to whole inam and zemin villages were received during the quarter. It is reported, however, that there were several applications for water to dry lands in whole inam and zemin villages; that the extent covered by the applications was about 535 acres, and that the question of the supply of Periyár water to such lands is under correspondence.

7. 1,446 applications for Periyár water for converting about 5,000 acres of dry lands into wet were received during the quarter. The total number of applications received up to the quarter was 2,475 covering an area of 8,266 acres. As reported in paragraph 8 of B.P., No. 5, dated 5th January 1898, there appears every prospect of a satisfactory extension of wet cultivation as soon as the supply from the reservoir can be properly regulated. The Special Deputy Collector reports that the Public Works Department has been addressed in view to early arrangements being made for laying out distributaries and field channels in the villages where waste lands have been, or remain to be, sold.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Madura.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Copy to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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not recd — No. 187, dated the 25 May 1898.

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(True extract)

A. K. Russell.

~~For Under~~ Secretary to Government.

To

The Board of Revenue (Rev: Sett &c.)

" " Public Works Dept.

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